



THE BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

METH BILL SIGNED BY CROW LEGISLATURE

The Executive Branch has signed a bill, which was passed by the Legislative Branch on Friday Jan. 25, 2008 at 9 am, Saint Dennis Hall, Crow Agency.

This Bill, titled "Dangerous Drugs" which also addresses Methamphetamines, was passed unanimously on Jan. 18 at the Crow Legislative Office.

A link to a good article on the dangers of jailing youth in adult facilities:
http://www.campaignforyouthjustice.org/Downloads/NationalReportsArticles/CFYJ-Jailing_Juveniles_Report_2007-11-15.pdf

METH PROJECT RECEIVES GRANT

By Jamie Spainhower, SCN Editor

A new venture has been bestowed to the Crow Nation. It is a new 5 – year grant from the Department of Human Services, through the Office of Administration for Children, Youth and Families. The Apsaalooke Meth Project Office (AMPO) is the name, will be stationed at the Apsaalooke Nation Housing Authority.

IN ANNUAL ADDRESS, GARCIA PUTS FOCUS ON CHILDREN

By Kevin Abourezk

As Senate leaders fought over an economic stimulus package Thursday, the nation's highest profile Indian leader reminded the nation's leaders that Native people also are in need of economic stimulus.

"As you know, the President and Congress are now debating an economic stimulus package to help prevent recession," said Joe Garcia, president of the National Congress of American Indians, giving his annual State of the Indian Nations Address. "But with unemployment at 49 percent, Indian Country is in perpetual recession."

'GREAT DAY IN INDIAN COUNTRY,' COBELL SAYS OF RULING

By Bill McAllister

BROWNING, Mont. -- Elouise Cobell, lead plaintiff in the class action lawsuit over the federal government's mismanagement of the individual Indian Trust, expressed delight with Wednesday's ruling by U.S. District Judge James Robertson in the 11-year-old litigation.

"This is a great day in Indian Country," she said after the judge's ruling was released in Washington.

KEMPTHORNE PREVIEWS BIA'S UPCOMING BUDGET

INDIANZ.COM 02/01/08



Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne gave a preview of the upcoming Bureau of Indian Affairs budget on Thursday.

Speaking at the National Press Club in

Washington, D.C., Kempthorne said the fiscal year 2009 budget he is proposing continues funding for two Indian initiatives. The Safe Indian Communities Initiative and the Improving Indian Education Initiative were first announced last year.

RESIDENTS TACKLE QUESTION OF HOW TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY

By BECKY SHAY, Billings Gazette 02/01/08

How can Billings residents turn intolerance into acceptance?

About 20 people tackled that and other questions about overcoming racism and prejudice during a community planning workshop Thursday night.

WATER RIGHTS NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2008 AT 9 A.M., WEATHER PERMITTING

The next water rights negotiation meeting will be held at 9 a.m. February 8, 2008 at the KwaTaqNuk Best Western Resort. This is a public meeting between officials representing the State of Montana, Federal officials and the Tribes. There will be a public comment period toward the end of meeting. This meeting is part

of an ongoing set of discussions on reservation-wide water management and quantification, which is a detailed discussion about what amounts of water will be used for various purposes.

SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR — MAEDC AND UM HELP FLEDGLING COMPANIES WITH BUSINESS RESOURCES DURING DEVELOPMENT

Dick King knows a good bet when he sees one - especially when it comes to entrepreneurs and their value to the economy when they set up shop in western Montana.

As head of the Missoula Area Economic Development Council <http://www.maedc.org>, King helped form the Montana Technology Enterprise Center <http://www.montec.org> in 2000 through a collaboration between MAEDC and the University of Montana. The main goal was to provide a small business incubator to commercialize research at the university level.

JOB VACANCIES:

JOB OPENING IN THE DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION:

DEFINED CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNTANT, POSITION #61403826, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$29,223 to \$36,529 DOQ. Performs accounting work in maintaining the financial records of the Defined Contribution Plans of MPERA. Application deadline: 5:00 pm Wednesday |February 13, 2008. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=304

CSKT DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Introduction: The Director of Economic Development (DED) is a management position appointed by the Tribal Council to oversee Tribal economic development initiatives and functions as part of an Executive Team to provide advice, expert guidance and leadership in the area of economic development.

Functional Areas: Capital fund development and corporate interface. Corporate reporting, board training as requested, scheduling meetings with corporations. Provide assistance with Tribal Council Challenge Agenda. Financing sustainability for the Economic Development functions, office and staffing. Resource Development Utilization. New Business Development and due diligence (diversification of Tribal economy and revenues). Energy Policy Development and Input. Consistent interface on business opportunities with the Tribal Council

Clarification of reporting and communication tools:

Accepts direction and priorities from the Tribal Council and reports progress to Tribal Chairman. Tribal Council reporting parameters will be agreed to in an employment contract such as monthly reports, enterprise summit, etc.

Employment Terms: \$110,000 to \$150,000 (exempt from classification) DOE. Employment Contract required.

Measure of success: Financing and sustainability of the office. New business (diversification achieved). Improved corporate communications

Timeline: Closes February 15, 2008

Contact: Renee Ashley for Personnel Information and application requirements. Resume accepted.

(406) 675-2700 ext. 1046

Teresa Wall-McDonald for job related questions

(406) 675-2700 ext. 1049

EVENTS/TRAINING:

Native Christian Hip Hop recording artist "**Supaman**" will be coming to perform at the First Christian (Disciples of Christ) on Monday evening February 11, 2008 at 7 p.m. No admittance charge - More information about "**Supaman**" at: <http://www.myspace.com/gorillapampers> "**Supaman**" will have CD's available for purchase.

February 4–8 Is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week

February 4–8, 2008, is [National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week](#).

According to recent studies, 20 percent of teenage girls and young women have experienced some form of dating violence, which can include physical emotional, verbal, psychological, or sexual abuse.

As Cindy Dyer, Director of the U.S. Department of Justice's [Office on Violence Against Women](#) (OVW), observes, "Violence in any relationship, including teen dating, should never be tolerated. Awareness about dating violence behaviors can help teens and other young adults avoid or end harmful relationships." To promote this awareness, OVW plans to launch a national outreach campaign targeted towards youth.

DIGITAL TELEVISION CONSUMER EDUCATION WORKSHOP: FOCUSING ON CONSUMERS IN RURAL AREAS AND ON TRIBAL LANDS

Washington, DC -- The Commission has released the agenda for its Digital Television Consumer Education Workshop focusing on consumers in rural areas and on tribal lands to be held Thursday, January 31, 2008, at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC, in the Commission Meeting Room. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Workshop is to provide an opportunity for interested parties to discuss the challenges associated with ensuring that consumers in rural areas and on tribal lands receive and can act on information regarding the upcoming Digital Television transition. The Workshop discussion will also explore ways to develop coordinated consumer education activities. There will also be a demonstration of digital-to-analog converter boxes. An agenda for the Workshop is attached.

A live webcast of the hearing will be available at the FCC's website at

<http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/> on a first-come, first-served basis. During the Workshop, the public can e-mail questions for the panelists to dtvworkshop@fcc.gov.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests should be submitted as soon as possible, and include a description of the accommodation you will need with as much detail as possible. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

For more information about the Workshop, please contact Pam Slipakoff at (202) 418-7705, pam.slipakoff@fcc.gov, or Lauren Patrich at (202) 418-7944, lauren.patrich@fcc.gov.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

ATTENTION GRANT WRITERS:

In the next few weeks, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will be offering additional training and guidance on the SMART system and this new requirement. All OJJDP FY2008 solicitations will require potential applicants to demonstrate that they have queried the **Socioeconomic Mapping and Resource Topography (SMART) system** in an effort to inform the placement of resources in areas that have the most need. In the interim, all applicants should register with the SMART system at <http://smart.gismapping.info>, and become familiar with the

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data and information that is currently available. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Dennis Mondoro, Strategic Community Development Officer, at 202-514-3913, or email him at dennis.mondoro@usdoj.gov.

The SMART system is a geographic information and Web-based mapping system developed to help decisionmakers at Federal, State, and local levels target areas of greatest need and allocate resources accordingly. SMART illustrates (1) specific geographic areas of crime and delinquency, and (2) the nearby governmental and community resources available to control them. Along with maps, SMART creates tables and graphs to illustrate the wealth of data on socioeconomic factors such as housing, population, education, and health.

K-12 HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative
http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/us/programs/tech_teaching/k12_main.html

THE K-12 HP TECHNOLOGY FOR TEACHING grant initiative is designed to support innovative and effective uses of technology in the classroom setting. HP will grant at least 110 awards to K-12 public schools that are using a collaborative, team-based approach to implementing technology integration projects. Based on the outcomes of those projects, some recipients may receive additional, higher value grants from HP in 2009.

School teams consisting of 5 teachers will be receiving the equipment, professional development and support they need to effectively integrate technology into their classroom instruction.

In the selection process, some preference will be given to schools that serve a large number of low-income students, relative to district or state free and reduced price lunch percentages, and to projects that included integration of mathematics and/or science curriculum. Please refer to the review selection criteria of the K-12 RFP for more information.

The 2008 K-12 HP Technology for Teaching grant award will include several elements. The award package is valued at approximately \$40,000. Specific product models will be determined at the time the grant is awarded. Each of the five teachers on the school's project team will receive*:

an HP Tablet PC with Microsoft Windows Vista Tablet PC Edition a multimedia projector an HP digital camera an HP Officejet printer, scanner, copier a \$500 stipend customized professional development opportunities to support the use of technology in their teaching and support from a mentor with experience integrating technology in the K-12 environment. The professional development program will be delivered on HP's behalf by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE).
Shared use of a Designjet printer (intended for use by teachers beyond the grant team) *The HP equipment will be the property of the school, and will be used by the project team members for purposes of the proposed project. The stipends will be awarded to the school in the form of a cash grant, and must be distributed by the school to the teachers on the project team as an acknowledgment of the time and effort required to change instructional practice, and to spend meeting with the team of teachers involved in the grant project.

The application is due February 14. It's an online submittal.

LOWE'S TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION

<http://toolboxforeducation.com/> application cycle is now open

and will close on Feb 15 or when they receive 1500 applicants.

Please encourage any and all reservation public schools to apply for funding to support their community service project.

KAISEREDU.ORG announces its Second Annual Student [Essay Contest](#). Submit an original essay on the topic below for a chance to win \$1,000. Deadline for submission is March 17, 2008.

ESSAY TOPIC

The date is November 24th, 2008. You have just started a job as an analyst working on the President elect's health care transition team. The director of the transition team has asked you to draft a memo to flesh out the health priorities for the new Administration on a major health policy issue. Select a candidate and an issue area (from the list below) and identify the major policies or strategies that the next Administration could develop to advance this issue. Make sure to include evidence and analysis to support your recommendations. Your priorities and strategies should be consistent with the proposals forwarded by the candidates in the campaign. You should also address the challenges in implementing your recommendations, such as budgetary and political considerations, delivery system issues, and how different stakeholders and constituencies would perceive the proposals.

Presidential Candidates: (please refer to the contest [website](#))

Issue Areas:

- Controlling Health Care Costs
- Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities
- Expanding Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Efforts
- Improving Women's Health
- Improving the Quality of Health Care

CONTEST DETAILS

Eligibility: Submissions will be accepted from undergraduate and graduate-level students enrolled in a degree-granting program at the time of submission.

Essay length: Essays must not exceed 800 words in length and must be original work, prepared by one author only.

Essay submission: Entries must be submitted online only. No emails will be accepted.

Deadline: All essays must be submitted by March 17, 2008, 5p.m. EST.

Judging: Entries will be judged by a panel of professionals with experience in health policy and politics from inside and outside the Kaiser Family Foundation. Winners will be notified by May 1, 2008.

For more information about Rules and Requirements visit kaiserEDU.org.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT UTILITIES PROGRAMS COMMUNITY CONNECT GRANT PROGRAM

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	RDUP-08-01-CC
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Jan 29, 2008
Creation Date:	Jan 29, 2008
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Mar 28, 2008

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Current Closing Date for Applications: Mar 28, 2008
Archive Date: Apr 27, 2008
Funding Instrument Type: Grant
Category of Funding Activity: Community Development

Category Explanation:
Expected Number of Awards: 27
Estimated Total Program Funding: \$13,405,500
Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000
Award Floor: \$50,000
CFDA Number: 10.863 -- Community Connect Grant Program

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligible Applicants

State governments
County governments
City or township governments
Special district governments
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
For profit organizations other than small businesses
Small businesses

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Agency Name: Utilities Programs

Description: The Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program is designed to provide financial assistance to furnish broadband service in rural, economically-challenged communities where such service does not currently exist. Grant funds may be utilized to deploy broadband transmission service to critical community facilities, rural residents, and rural businesses and to construct, acquire, or expand, equip, and operate a community center that provides free access to broadband services to community residents for at least two years. Grants will be awarded, on a competitive basis, to entities serving communities of up to 20,000 inhabitants to ensure rural consumers enjoy the same quality and range of telecommunications service as are available in urban and suburban communities.

COMMODITY PARTNERSHIPS SMALL SESSIONS PROGRAM

Document Type: Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-RMA-RME-2008-03
Opportunity Category: Discretionary
Posted Date: Jan 30, 2008
Creation Date: Jan 30, 2008
Original Closing Date for Applications: Mar 24, 2008 Applications are due 5 p.m. EDT. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered for funding.

Current Closing Date for Applications: Mar 24, 2008 Applications are due 5 p.m. EDT. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered for funding.

Archive Date: Apr 23, 2008
Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement
Category of Funding Activity: Agriculture
Education
Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)

Category Explanation: Agricultural Risk Management Education
Expected Number of Awards: 50

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$500,000
Award Ceiling: \$10,000
Award Floor: \$0
CFDA Number: 10.459 -- Commodity Partnerships for Small Agricultural Risk Management Education Sessions

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

Eligible Applicants: Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification).

Additional Information on Eligibility: Eligible applicants include State departments of agriculture, universities, non-profit agricultural organizations, and other public or private organizations with the capacity to lead a local program of risk management education for farmers and ranchers in an RMA Region. Individuals are not eligible applicants.

Agency Name: Risk Management Agency

Description: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), operating through the Risk Management Agency (RMA), announces the availability of approximately \$500,000 (subject to availability of funds) for Commodity Partnerships for Small Agricultural Risk Management Education Sessions (Commodity Partnerships Small Sessions Program). The purpose of this cooperative partnership agreement program is to deliver training and information in the management of production, marketing, and financial risk to U.S. agricultural producers in small sessions. The program is to give priority to educating producers of crops not insurable with Federal crop insurance, specialty crops, and underserved commodities, including livestock and forage. A maximum of 50 cooperative partnership agreements will be funded, five each in ten designated RMA Regions. The maximum award for any agreement will be \$10,000. Recipients of awards must demonstrate nonfinancial benefits from a partnership agreement and must agree to the substantial involvement of RMA in the project. Funding availability for this program may be announced at approximately the same time as funding availability for similar but separate programs. CFDA No. 10.455 (Community Outreach and Assistance Partnerships), CFDA No. 10.456 (Risk Management Research Partnerships), CFDA No. 10.457 (Commodity Partnerships for Risk Management Education) and CFDA No.10.458 (Crop Insurance Education in Targeted States). Prospective applicants should carefully examine and compare the notices for each program.